

ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY,

EXHIBITED
To the *Ministers, Church-wardens and Side-men,*

IN THE
VISITATION

Of the Reverend

Dr. Tho. Hyde,

ARCH-DEACON of Gloucester, 1697.



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*The OATH to be Administred to the Church-
Wardens of every Parish.*

YOU shall Swear truly and faithfully to
Execute the Office of a Church-warden
within your Parish, and, according to the
best of your Skill and Knowledge, Present such
Things and Persons, as you know to be Pre-
sentable by the Ecclesiastical Laws of this
Realm :

So help you God.

The Side-mens Oath.

YOU shall Swear that you will be assist-
ant to your Church-wardens in the exe-
cution of **their Office**, so far as by Law you
are bound :

So help you God.



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OF

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FOR THE

VISITATION

OF THE

DIOCESSE of *GLOUCESTER*.

In the Year, 1697.

TIT. I.

Concerning Churches and the Ornaments thereof.

I. **I**S your Parish-Church or Chappel maintain'd in good and sufficient Repair, with the Bells in your Steeple or Tower? and is it decently and comely kept within and without, as becomes the House of God?

II. Have you a good Bible, with two Books of Common-Prayer, and a Book of Homilies?

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III. Have you a Surplice, and all the Furniture and Ornaments to your Church duly provided? and have you amended all that is amiss, or wanting in your Church?

TIT. II.

Concerning the Church-yard, Glebe, and Terrier of the Glebe-land.

I. **I**S your Church-yard sufficiently mounded and fenced with a Wall or Rayles? and is it kept free from Annoyance, Incroachments, or Waste?

II. Have you made a New Terrier of the Glebe-Lands, and Customs of Tything in your Parish, and sent a Copy thereof into the Registry at *Gloucester*, according to the Paper of Instructions that was sent you by Mr. Chancellor?

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TIT. III.

Concerning Ministers.

I. **I**S your Minister Resident amongst you in his own proper House, or doth he keep a Curate? and what Stipend is allotted for the Curate? and what care is taken in his absence for Hospitality and Charity for the Poor?

II. Is your Minister's House and Out-houses kept in good and sufficient Repair? and doth he live in it himself, or keep a Tenant there?

III. Doth your Minister duly and constantly Officiate in the Church according to Order? and doth he perform all Offices reverently and decently without addition or diminution? and doth he supply any more Cures than One?

IV. Doth your Minister Instruct and Catechize the Youth? doth he visit the Sick, and give a good Example to his Parish, by an innocent, grave and peaceable Behaviour?

V. Is there any in your Parish who refuse to send their Children to be Catechized?

VI. Doth your Minister wear or ride with a Cravat, or in a grey Coat? and doth he go decently attir'd, according to his Function?

VII. Doth your Minister pray for King *William* by Name in his Pulpit?

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VIII. Doth your Minister read the Act against Swearing, which is appointed to be read four times every Year in the Church?

IX. Doth he sometimes read the Homilies, either in order, or selecting such as may best serve to instruct and reprove, according as the necessities of the People under his charge shall require?

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Concerning Parishioners.

I. **I**S there any of your Parish that are known, or commonly suspected to be guilty of Incest, Adultery, Fornication, Swearing, or Debauchery?

II. Do they Prophane the Lord's Day, or bring any Scandal upon Religion by their wicked and vicious Lives?

III. Do they neglect those other Duties that are incumbent on them?

IV. Are there any Persons in your Parish that conceal, or imbezel the Wills and Testaments of the Dead? or have any Legacies, that have been given to the Church or Poor, or other pious Uses, been detain'd or mis-employ'd, contrary to the intent of the Donors?

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TIT. V.

Concerning Parish Clerks.

HAve you belonging to your Parish-Church or Chappel a sufficient Clerk, or Sexton, and doth he discharge his Duty with care and diligence? and is his Wages duly paid him?

TIT. VI.

Concerning Hospitals, Schools, School-Masters, Physicians, and Chirurgions.

IS there any Hospital or Alms-house in your Parish? Is it well Ordered and Governed? Is there due care taken that the Poor be not defrauded of their dues?

II. Doth any one keep School in your Parish without License? doth he instruct his Scholars in the Principles of Christian Religion, by teaching them the Church-Catechism? and doth he endeavour to train up the Youth, committed to his Charge, in a vertuous and godly Course of Life?

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THE Ministers of each Parish, whose Duty it is to endeavour the Suppression of all Irregularities and Prophaneness, if they see the Church-Wardens negligent to present Notorious Crimes, may and ought to do it themselves.

V. T. T.
THOMAS HYDE, D. D.

Arch-Deacon.

Thomas Burges jun. Register.

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